

Actors and Actresses

The USFK PAO will be filming two new AFN commercials and is looking for a family(mom, dad and two kids) and two teenage boys as actors and actresses. Call 738-7137 for more information.

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Town Hall Meeting

The next Area II Town Hall meeting will be held Feb. 8 from 9-10 a.m. via AFN Eagle FM 102.7. Community members are encouraged to tune in and call in their concerns.

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Yongsan tax center opens monday

By Jonathan Del Marcus

Editor

The 2002 Yongsan Tax Center located on Main Post in building S2258 will open Feb. 5, and is ready to prepare the tax returns of all Area II soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, family members, DoD civilians and authorized contractors.

Conveniently located near the Moyer Community Activity Center, the office is open on Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 2002 YTC will be closed on Sundays, Mondays, Federal holidays and training holidays. The center is open until May 15.

Tax specialists trained by the Internal Revenue Service will see taxpayers on either a walk-in basis or by

appointment. Appointments are advised for complicated tax returns involving the sale or purchase of property, or returns with extensive itemized deductions, self-employment income or the sale of capital assets.

Almost all filings can be processed electronically through e-files, said Capt. Kyle S. Fisher, 2002 YTC officer in charge. E-filings can be instantly sent to the IRS once the return is complete.

Additionally, it is important that taxpayers remember the amount of their 2001 Tax Advance check or know why they did not receive a check, Fisher said.

The deadline for servicemembers to file their 2002 tax return is June 15. It is advisable, however, to file prior to April 15.

If money is owed, interest accumulates from April 15. The sooner



PHOTO BY SGT. JONATHAN DEL MARCUS

The Yongsan Tax Center is located on Main Post at building S2258, close to the Moyer Community Activity Center.

the return is filed, the sooner a tax refund check is mailed to the taxpayer, Fisher said.

For further information, call DSN 725-1040 and ask to speak to Staff Sgt. Peter S. Yoon or Capt. Fisher.

When visiting the YTC to complete your tax return, it is extremely important to bring all necessary documents. The following table shows which forms are required to claim income or deductions:

TYPE OF INCOME/DEDUCTION	FORM NEEDED	TYPE OF INCOME/DEDUCTION	FORM NEEDED
WAGES	W-2	RENTAL INCOME/EXPENSES	1098
BANK OR CREDIT UNION INTEREST INCOME	1099-INT	SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME	1099-MISC
DISTRIBUTIONS FROM PENSIONS, RETIREMENT, IRAs	1099-R	PAY INTEREST ON A MORTGAGE ON PERSONAL RESIDENCE	1098
DIVIDEND INCOME	1099-DIV	PAYMENT OF STUDENT LOAN INTEREST	1098-E
SALE OF STOCK, BOND OR MUTUAL FUND	1099-B	HOPE SCHOLARSHIP/LIFETIME LEARNING CREDIT	1098-T
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	1099-G	ALIMONY PAID/RECEIVED	COURT ORDER
REFUND OF STATE OR LOCAL TAXES	1099-G	EXEMPTION CLAIMED BY NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT	IRS FORM 8332, SIGNED BY CUSTODIAL PARENT
CONVERTED TRADITIONAL IRA TO ROTH IRA	FORM 1099-R and 2000 FORM 8606		



PHOTO BY CPL. HAN YOON-KOO

Lieutenant Gen. Daniel R. Zanini, commander, 8th Army, presents memento to Dr. Kim.

Area II National Prayer Breakfast

By Chaplain (Col.) Mark Fentress

34th Support Group and Area II Staff Chaplain

The hour was early and the right time to pray. Thus, the Area II National Prayer Breakfast was conducted on January 24 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. Over 300 military, civilian and family members from units across Area II gathered to eat a good breakfast, listen to some inspiring music, and to focus on the matter of prayer. The event was co-hosted by Col. Steve T. Wilberger, commander

34th Support Group and Area II and Chaplain (Col.) Mark E. Fentress, Area II command chaplain.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Joseph Kim, senior pastor of Wonchon Church in Suwon, reminded the audience that the power of a nation comes through prayer. He illustrated how both the United States and the Republic of Korea have turned to prayer at important times in their histories. And he challenged the audience to be people who act out of prayer.

In a particularly dramatic

illustration, Dr. Kim related how a U. S. soldier during the Korean War had befriended his father. At the time a "house boy," his father went on to receive an education and become one of the world's greatest evangelists – all because one soldier did what he felt God was leading him to do. He prayed.

After a presentation by Lt. Gen. Daniel R. Zanini, commander, 8th U. S. Army, this inspiring event concluded

See "prayer" on page 11.

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Power Outage

DPW has scheduled a power outage on Yongsan South Post on Feb. 2, from 8 a.m. to Noon. Facilities that are affected are located along Williams Ave. and Wilbur St. between Collier Field House, Gate 17, Dental Clinic #2, QM Laundry, the Self Help Center, the Gate 17 Visitors Center, the AFN-AM radio transmitter and the KATUSA snack bar. Visitors to Gate 17 will be allowed to enter post through manual sign-in.

Excess Government Property Turn-in

DRMO Bupyong accepts turn-in of excess government property by appointment Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments can be made Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. by calling 722-3374 for nonhazardous property and 722-3890 for hazardous property. For information, call 722-3374.

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8th PERSCOM's Personnel Points

Year Group 96 Functional Area Designation: Between the fifth and sixth year of service, an officer usually receives a functional area designation, grouping them into a particular area of technical specialty or skill that requires significant education, training and experience. An officer is assigned one of the sixteen functional area designations based on individual preference, taking into mind the needs of the army, academic background, performance, training and experience.

Information packets for completing the Year Group 96 FAD will be mailed in Feb 02. Additionally, these instructions will also be available at <http://www.perscom.army.mil/opfamdd/fad.htm>. Officers in this year group are asked to ensure that the address on their ORB is kept current so that they receive this important information.

Targeted SRB Program for Korea: Soldiers reenlisting for a Targeted SRB for Korea will be stabilized for 18 months. Stabilization will commence upon arrival in Korea. For those soldiers already in Korea, the 18-month stabilization will commence on date of reenlistment and must be approved by the overseas command. Soldiers who reenlisted for a TSRB will be utilized in an authorized position based on MOS/ASI/SQI/Language, as appropriate, for the authorized stabilization period. Soldiers who fail to complete the stabilized period are subject to recoupment of the TSRB payment. Entitlement to any other special or incentive pay is not affected by receiving a TSRB. POC is CW2 Lys, 724-7916.

Postal Tip of the Week: Personnel of the Military Postal Service are here to ensure you receive your mail as expeditiously as possible. You can help. Ensure you in-process your unit mailroom as soon as you arrive. Many of the complaints that we receive about mail "returned to sender" are the result of the addressee failing to in-process their unit mailroom. Also, if you are going on leave or TDY, ensure you stop by your unit mailroom and advise the mailroom personnel of your status. Finally, when you are ready to PCS, ensure you out-process your unit mailroom and leave a forwarding address.

Until next time, remember, use your "ZIP Plus 4."

MP Blotter

The following entries were extracted from 2001 Yongsan and Area II Military Police blotter. Such entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

A Specialist was charged with drunk and disorderly conduct. Investigation revealed the service member was acting belligerent in the Dragon Hill which required Dragon Hill to call the Military Police. Upon arrival of Military Police, the service member was apprehended and transported to 121st General Hospital for a command directed blood alcohol test. The service member was further transported to the MP station processed and released to his unit. The service member is pending disciplinary action by

his unit commander.

A GS-12 government civilian employee was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Investigation revealed the employee, while driving a privately owned vehicle off post, was stopped at a Korean Police DUI check. The employee was given a breath test at the checkpoint, which indicated a 0.240 percent blood alcohol content. The civilian employee was apprehended, processed and released by the Korean Police. At a later date, upon receipt of the Korean Police report, Military Police processed the employee for the offense, also placing him on international hold. The employee is pending action by Korean authorities and by the Installation Commander.

Hand phones and driving don't mix

Please drive safely! Use of cellular (hand) phones while driving is a violation of Korean traffic law and as well as USFK Reg 190-1. Korean National Police and US Military Police are monitoring and enforcing compliance. Please turn off your phone when driving, use a hands-free device or pull off the road and stop the vehicle prior to answering your phone.

Area II smoking policy

By Joe Campbell

Command Information Officer

In a recent policy update, Command Policy #1-5, dated Jan. 17, 2001, Col. Steve T. Wilberger, commander, 34th Support Group and Area II reiterated policy pertaining to smoking in Area II.

It is Department of Defense policy to protect all DOD military and civilian personnel from health hazards caused by exposure to tobacco smoke and to ban smoking of tobacco products in DOD workplaces. DOD policy also states to designate reasonable outdoor-accessible smoking areas, wherever possible, away from common points of entering and exiting the workplace.

The updated policy applies to all Area II military and civilian personnel, retirees, and their family members. It also pertains to all visitors, contractors and personnel of other agencies that operate within or visit Area II workplaces and facilities.

Smoking is prohibited at these and other locations: (See Command Policy #1-5 for complete restrictions.)

- * All DOD workplaces.
- * All military vehicles and aircraft.
- * All AAFES taxis, this applies to both the driver and passenger(s).
- * All AAFES facilities.

- * All on post bus stops.
 - * The entire area in and around the hospital and clinics unless it's a designated outside smoking area.
 - * Smoking is prohibited in Department of Defense Dependent Schools and on school grounds. (Also in Command Policy #1-7, dated Aug. 17, 01)
 - * Smoking is prohibited by all youth family members. "Youth" is defined as dependents nineteen years of age and under.
 - * Within the fence-line boundaries of all ballparks, swimming pools and tennis courts.
- There are a few areas where smoking is allowed:
- * Designated smoking areas outside that have met the requirements of Command Policy #1-5.
 - * Recreation game rooms at Area II clubs unless specifically designated as a no smoking area.
 - * Designated bars within the Area II clubs, the complete list is in Command Policy # 1-5.

For further information about the Area II smoking policy pick up a copy of Command Policy #1-5 from the 34th Support Group or call 736-5187.

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NEWS & NOTES

Scholarship Available Through SAESC

Seoul American Enlisted Spouses award educational scholarships to qualified individuals.

There are eligibility requirements: 1. All applicants must be a current ID card holder and reside in The Republic of Korea. 2. Applicants or their sponsor/spouse must be a member of SAESC or the Seoul American Officers, 'Civilians' and Spouses' Club in good standing as of December 31, 2001, or within two months of their arrival in country. 3. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0. 4. High school students must complete the requirements for graduation from high school before June 2002. 5. College students must be at least 19 years of age and not have reached their 23rd birthday prior to submitting application. High school students applications must be turned in to the SAHS Guidance Office no later than March 31. College students and adults must be postmarked no later than March 31. Scholarship will be awarded in May. For application or information, call 738-6736 or email AJEtien@aol.com.

Major General James Ursano Scholarship

Army Emergency Relief offers the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship to children of Army soldiers. Applicants must be dependent children, stepchildren or legally adopted children of Army soldiers on active duty, retired or deceased while on active duty or after retirement; enrolled in DEERS; unmarried for entire academic year; and under the age of 22 on June 1, based on the 2002-03 academic year. Applicants must be enrolled, accepted or pending acceptance as full time dependent students for the entire academic year in post-secondary educational institutions accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Scholarship applicants must maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale for funds to be awarded or disbursed. Completed applications with supporting documents must be mailed to HQ AER and postmarked NLT March 1. Application forms are available at the Army Emergency Relief office and may be printed from the web page at www.aerhq.org

VA Office Seoul Job Announcement

Contract Rep, GS -346-02-19

Service Rep, GS-346-02-18

Both positions close on Feb. 14, submit applications in person to Seoul CPAC. For more information call 738-3057.

SAOCSC visits Holy Family Child Center

By Lee Sang Hyub

Staff Writer

"Every Child has a right to be born healthy and brought up in a loving family."

-The Children's Charter, No.1-

Six board members of the Seoul American Officers, 'Civilians' and Spouses' Club visited the Holy Family Child Center, an in-country adoption agency, in Sung-Buk Dong, north of Seoul, on Jan. 25.

Representing 273 SAOCSC members, Haing J. Choi, chairperson, Korean Social Welfare Projects, Sandy Schwartz, honorary president, Jane Zanini, advisor, Laurie Duncan, president, Bonnie Koenig, second vice president and Judy Hunter, manager, Chosun Gift Shop presented a donation of 2,700,000 won (more than \$2,000) on behalf of the SAOCSC. The donation and visit was aimed at boosting SAOCSC's effort to increase the quality of life for the children at the center and enhance the relationship between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

After presenting the donation, the members watched a video about the Holy Family Child Center and were briefed on the current climate for adoptions in Korea. The briefing was presented in Korean by Im Hyang Bin, a social worker at the facility. Choi translated the briefing into English. After the briefing the six SAOCSC board members participated in a discussion concerning adoption procedures in Korea.

"Adoption is a very sensitive issue for many people. But, on the other hand, adoption can be a very rewarding thing for parents who are adopting and the children who are adopted. Parents can have the child that they wanted so long as the child finds a new lovely home," said Choi.

The board members were pleased with the visit.

"We really get a lot of joy out of



PHOTO BY PFC. LEE SANG HYUB

Laurie Duncan, president of SAOCSC presents a donation to the Reverend Mother, Lee Jung Ja of the Holy Family Child Center. From left to right, Haing J. Choi, chairperson, Korean Social Welfare Projects, Jane Zanini, advisor, Sandy Schwartz, honorary president, Bonnie Koenig, second vice president and Judy Hunter, manager, Chosun Gift Shop.

doing this kind of thing for charities. It makes our bodies and minds healthy to share our time and energy for those who are less fortunate than we are. We contribute a little bit, but actually, we are learning a lot more from them," Choi said.

According to Choi, SAOCSC has been practicing acts of charity for more than 30 years. This time, they chose the Holy Family Child Center.

"We visit approximately 25-30 different agencies a year. We try to reach various kinds of agencies. Some are orphanages, some are handicapped institutions and others are senior care centers," Choi said.

"Unfortunately, the children at the Holy Family Child Center do not have the chance to live under the love of their own family. So we decided to go and share our love with them."

The donation was generated from the sale of items at the Chosun Gift

Shop.

"By selling the gifts, we get some profits and out of those profits, 50 percent goes to the American Projects and the rest goes to Korean Social Welfare Projects. Last year we were able to give \$215,000 back to the Korean and American Communities," said Hunter.

Through its mission, the Holy Family Child Center can help children grow up to be secure and happy adults.

"A family is a necessity and the root of love, where a child can grow up to be an independent and happy person. There are children who need a family and there are families who can adopt them. Families can provide them with fundamental good health and happiness, as well as personal and spiritual development. Our main purpose is to arrange for adoptions with integrity for the children and their adoptive families," added Im.

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Buffalo Soldier Banquet

The 8th Annual Buffalo Soldier Achievement Awards Banquet will be held March 9 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. Tickets are \$30. For information, call 011-695-0636 or 011-9972-9165.

Seoul Computer Club

The next meeting of the Seoul Computer Club will be Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Fulbright building in Mapo. The topic will be Personal Digital Assistants. For directions or information, call 736-4004 or log onto www.seoulcc.org.

NAF Vacancy Announcement

The Dragon Hill Lodge is looking for an Assistant Hotel manager (NF-1101-3). If interested pick up an application at Guest Services at the Dragon Hill or call 738-2233 extension 6401 for further information.

Annual Bataan Memorial Death March

The Eighth Army qualifier for the annual Bataan Memorial Death March, which happens every year at White Sands Missile Range, will be held at Camp Casey's Hansen Field House on March 9. The White Sands event will occur on April 14 with the Army sending the top qualifying teams to the event. For information call 725-7226.

Commemoration Ceremony

The 34th Support Group and Area II Installation Ethnic Observance Committee will sponsor a commemoration ceremony on African American Black History on Feb. 6, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Naija Ballroom, Dragon Hill Lodge. Dr. Leonard G. Bonner Chief, Family Programs, Eighth Army will be guest speaker. The theme will be "The African American Legacy: Contributions and Service in America's Defense."

Healthy By Choice

The 18th Medical Command Health Promotion Program, Preventative Services Directorate will sponsor an eight week wellness and weight control program through March 12 from 5-6 p.m. in the Army Community Service classroom located in Bldg. 4106, South Post. Topics include preventing heart disease, recipe modification and dealing with stress. For more information, call 736-3029 or 736-6693.

Commissary best value items reaching new heights

By Bonnie Powell

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va.—The Best Value Items are on the rise. Not the prices, but the savings.

According to the latest pricing survey, commissary customers save an average of 30.4 percent over retail on their overall grocery purchases - and one of the major reasons is the Best Value Item Program.

"Since its inception nearly two years ago, the Best Value Item program has continued to offer a greater number of items at the best prices, period," says Defense Commissary Agency Director, Air Force Major General Robert J. Courter Jr. "And customer awareness of Best Value Items has continued to grow as well."

The yellow Best Value Item signs in commissaries indicate the lowest prices found on commissary shelves as well as the lowest prices, for the same size items, national or store brand, at retail grocery stores, supermarkets or supercenters.

The program features popular items in categories such as baby food and detergents.

"These are items people use every day," says BVI Program Manager Bruce Dubisar of DeCA's Marketing Business Unit. "We started with about 100 products and we have increased that to nearly 600. Manufacturers offer rock bottom prices to be in the program and that has caused competing product prices to drop as well. The commissary customer is the one who really

benefits," he says.

"In addition, we have Best Value Items listed at the 'shopping aisle' on www.commissaries.com and customers tell us they print the listings out and try to buy as many BVIs as they can."

Customer awareness has been key in the success of the BVI program.

"We remind customers in the store to look for BVIs through our in-store radio messages and our celebrity poster campaign," says Dubisar. "Our first celebrity poster was of Rudy Boesch, the retired Navy SEAL and 'Survivor' series star. Our latest poster is world record-holding skydiver Army Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Cheryl Stearns." The poster made its debut a few weeks ago in commissaries worldwide.

Golden Knight shops DeCA

By Bonnie Powell

Defense Commissary Agency

Army Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Cheryl Stearns is a member of the elite Golden Knights parachute team out of Fort Bragg, N.C. And when she is not jumping out of airplanes, she is flying them. Stearns is a 737 pilot for US Air. She was the first woman member of the Golden Knights and has held an amazing 30 world records

during her career, including four simultaneously. Coming up later this year, Stearns is planning to try for the world height record by jumping out of a balloon from the stratosphere at 130,000 feet, testing an emergency escape system for astronauts in the process. On the way down she would also break the sound barrier. "The new suit is key," she says. "I can't survive the shock wave without

it." The current record of 102,000 feet has held for more than 40 years.

The "StratoQuest" project is expensive, but the research gained will certainly be worth the expense, says Stearns as she takes a moment to sign an autograph for a shopper at the Fort Bragg South Commissary. "But if I had a penny for

See "DeCA" on page 12.

Commissaries getting magazines

By Rick Brink

FORT LEE, Va. - Commissary shoppers can add magazines to their shopping lists as the Defense Commissary Agency rolls out its new magazine sales program. Plans call for all stateside commissaries to carry up to 43 titles of popular family-oriented magazines ranging from "Reader's Digest" to "Newsweek." Overseas commissaries will carry up to 39 titles. "We're pleased to add magazine sales as a service to our customers. Offering these popular magazines at a significant reduction off the cover price gives our shoppers great value as well as convenience," said DeCA Director Air Force Major General Robert J. Courter Jr. The roll out began December 19 as magazine racks were placed in commissaries at Little Creek, Va.; Annapolis, Md.; Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; Fort Meade, Md.; Quantico, Va.; Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., and Fort Lee. The roll out for the remaining stateside commissaries should be complete by the end of January. The roll out will begin for overseas commissaries in February and should be complete in March. Customers will find the magazines in racks located at the checkouts.

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Reunion in Korea 2002

The Korea Travel Bureau will sponsor the Reunion in Korea 2002 program. Reunion dates are April 15-19, May 13-17, Sept. 23-27 and Oct. 28-Nov. 1. Details and latest Reunion information is available at reunion@ktbinc.co.kr or www.ktbonline.com. To speak with someone directly, call 723-3474 or 723-6085.

Korea Retiree Web Site

The Osan Air Base Retiree Activities Office web site has been reactivated at <http://www.rao-osan.com>. The site contains useful information for retirees including newsletters, information for Korea retirees and links to interesting sites. For more information, call 784-1441 or email retact@osan.af.mil.

OCS Board

The Area II Officer Candidate Selection Board will convene Feb. 21 at 8 a.m. in the 34th Support Group command conference room. For more information, call 738-4534 or 723-6557.

Reserve Component Career Counselor

All separating officers and soldiers must contact their Reserve Component Career Counselor prior to leaving active duty. First contact should be as early as 120 days prior to separation. Reserve Component Career Counselors are co-located with the Separation Points. For more information, call 724-8491 or 723-6833.

Seoul American High School

SAHS Student Advisory Council meeting, Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the SAHS library. SAHS PTO meeting Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the SAHS library. For information, call 736-4004.

Warrior's Gate

'The Stronghold of Warrior's Gate' sanctioned by the Society for Creative Anachronism, invites you to join them in recreating the Middle Ages! For information, email warriorsgate@yahoo.com.

New Operation Hours

Yongsan Sports Swimming Pool #3, Bldg #1515 on Main Post will have new operation hours effective Feb. 4. Operation hours will be Mon-Fri from 6 a.m.-9 p.m., weekends and holidays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Unit PT will be 6-8 a.m., personnel must wear swim wear. Military training will be 8-10 a.m. For information, call 738-8608.

Yongsan School-Age Services undergoes extensive renovation

By Roxanne Radzykewycz

Child & Youth Services Coordinator

Yongsan School-Age Services in building 4211 will be undergoing an extensive renovation from Jan. 29, with a tentative completion date of June 13.

The renovation will improve the SAS facility, which also houses the central registration office. CRO, our customers' first introduction to Child and Youth Services, will receive a much needed facelift. The walls will be repainted, tile floors replaced and floor size increased.

The improvements to the SAS facility will include a larger homework lab and a larger computer lab, which will contain 15 computers. The kitchen will be remodeled and will contain a new stove with a fire suppression system, which children can utilize for cooking projects. The room used for instructional classes will also experience the following major improvements: the stage will be removed and a storage area for instructional class equipment will replace it, and a disk jockey booth and

instructors' dressing room will be built. As for the facility as a whole, the heating and cooling system will be replaced and the thermostat controls will be located inside the facility's activity areas, the drop ceiling will be replaced, the interior lighting will be replaced with high-intensity lamps and the interior walls will be painted.

Because of the renovation, the first through fifth-grade students currently enrolled in the after-school program were relocated to the Seoul American Elementary School cafeteria from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. From 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., the children have access to the SAES gymnasium. Parents will pick up their children at the gymnasium. We will also partner with Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities like the bowling alley and library as alternate sites for small groups of SAS children.

The kindergartners enrolled in the after-school program were relocated to the hourly-care room at the Yongsan Child Development Center. Due to this additional program being housed at the

CDC, the hourly-care program will close at 2 p.m. The SAS kindergartners are being transported to the CDC from school in a 35-passenger bus.

The part-day preschool program will also be relocated to the hourly-care room at the CDC. This program is held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On the days that part-day preschool is held, the preschool-age children in the hourly care program will participate in the part-day program.

The CRO is relocated to the front desk at the Youth Services Sports Facility in building 4216. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

We look forward to the timely completion of this much-awaited project, and know that the children will benefit greatly from the planned improvements. Should you have any questions, please contact Steven Newhouse, director, SAS, at 738-8130.

Have something to say? Say it here.

By Joe Campbell

Command Information Officer

The Seoul Word is a command information publication. It is here for you, our readers. We would like to give you an opportunity to have your voice heard. If there is something going on in your unit that you feel is of interest to the community as a whole let us know so that we might arrange coverage for the newspaper. This also applies to individuals who would like to contribute some of their own stories or photos, again, that are of interest to the community. The guidelines are as follows:

- * Article must relate to Area II and be of interest to the community as a whole
- * Article can not be a forum for discourse
- * Article must not contain insensitive language or innuendo
- * Articles will be edited to meet Associated Press style guide
- * Photos must have content identified: name, rank and unit of personnel; location of photo (K-16, Camp Market, etc.); any other information that can assist the reader about the photo.

If you are interested in having your unit's events covered, please contact us at 738-7352 or email Seoulword@34sg.korea.army.mil.

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Scholarships for Military Children

Applications for the second annual Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children Program are now available at the commissary. Qualified children of U.S. military ID card holders, to include active duty, guard and reserve members and retirees may apply for the \$1,500 scholarships. The deadline for filing is Feb. 5. For more information, visit the commissary or go to <http://www.commissaries.com>.

ICE is coming!!

No, this is not a weather report, although it does have something to do with the climate. Interactive Customer Evaluation is a web-based customer comment system that will supplement, or replace, the current Customer Comment Cards in more than 80 service locations in Yongsan and the surrounding area.

MARDI GRAS

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will hold a dance party and "Q" step show March 9 from 8 p.m.- 1 a.m. at Osan Officers Club. For tickets, call 738-5139.

Red and White Ball

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presents a Red and White ball Feb. 9 from 7 p.m.- 2 a.m. in the Naija Ballroom, Dragon Hill Lodge. The dress is formal attire with black tie. Tickets are \$30. For information, call 723-4340/725-6911.

SAOCS Murder Mystery Night

The February SAOCS function will feature a murder mystery dinner theater Feb. 23 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. The fun begins at 6 p.m. for members and their invited guests. The cost is \$17.20. Reservations must be made by Feb. 13. For information, call Theresa Jones at 736-3024 or Beth Klingele at 736-6553.

COMMUNITY CLOSURES**Post Office Closed**

The Main Post and the South Post Offices will be closed Feb. 4.

Laundry & Dry Cleaning

The QM Laundry and Dry Cleaning Plant will be closed Feb. 11-13 for Lunar New Year. For information, call 736-6666.

Community Bank Closure

In order to observe the Lunar New Year, the following is the Community Bank's operation schedule:
All branches except Dragon Hill Lodge:
Closed Feb. 11-12
Open Feb. 13
Dragon Hill Lodge branch only:
Open Feb. 11
Closed Feb. 12-13

Ration Control Office Closure

The Ration Control Office will be closed on the following dates: Feb. 4, Lunar New Years Feb. 9-12 and Presidents Day weekend Feb. 16-19.

Property Control Branch Closed

The Property Control Branch, SOD, 34th Support Group will be closed on Feb. 11, 12 and 13 for Korean Lunar New Year's Day.

Yongsan Commissary Closure

The Yongsan commissary will be closed Feb. 11, 12 and open Feb. 13.

You made the grade

AAFES Release

"You Made the Grade," the most successful coupon program in the history of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, has completed another year of recognizing 6th through 12th grade students for their academic achievements.

In 2001, 27 students were awarded \$90,000 in savings bonds, and thousands of other kids took home coupon packages. Thanks to vendor partner Procter & Gamble, AAFES increased the value of the January 2001 sweepstakes drawing to \$60,000. Three additional drawings of \$10,000 each were held, for an annual grand total of \$90,000.

"Students in military families deserve recognition for their scholastic achievements," said Dave Reza, senior program manager.

"They've risen to the challenge of maintaining academic excellence, while facing frequent school transfers."

Students in the Yongsan area maintaining a B average or better are presented coupon books through a school assembly. School guidance counselors work with AAFES Capital Region to ensure that all qualified students are recognized for their academic achievements. In the AAFES Southern Region, students at Camp George and Camp Hialeah schools can bring their report cards directly to the exchange to receive their coupon books. Students in the AAFES Central Region, which covers Area III and the Kunsan area, can also receive their coupon books at the Exchange.

Each student receives a coupon book with savings of more than \$50

on such items as footwear, fragrances and fast food. Entry forms for U.S. Savings Bond drawings are also included.

Thanks to our vendor partner, Coca-Cola, AAFES awards U.S. Savings Bonds, totaling \$10,000, to three lucky students each quarter. Winners of a \$5000, \$3000 and \$2000 bond are selected by a random drawing held by an independent contractor in January, April, July and October.

This year, AAFES will continue the "You Made the Grade" program for our military communities' best students, and updated student registration packages will include even more coupons. AAFES will once again award \$90,000 in savings bonds in 2002 to recognize the hard work and dedication to academics of the students in our military communities.

AAFES "Best Brand, Best Prices"

By Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Gregory

AAFES PAO

In today's society many shoppers have learned to become great bargain hunters. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service strives to make their bargain hunting easier by offering the most competitive prices possible. Price is what the customer looks at first, and some customers question how prices are set and why an item priced one way on the shelf can ring up with another price at the register.

One basic goal of AAFES is to give the customer the best buy for their money. To do this, AAFES adheres to prices that are set by Congress, through the House National Security Committee. This committee also determines what products are sold and who is an authorized customer.

Congress has also determined that AAFES earnings are to cover 98 percent of operating costs, to include building new facilities. AAFES is also charged with providing Morale, Recreation and Welfare activities 100 percent of its' net earnings. In 2000, MWR activities and services received \$251 million. This was the highest per capita dividend per soldier and airman in AAFES 106-year history.

Service members, their family members, retirees and others authorized to use the exchange service are the focus of the AAFES mission. Within this mission a goal of AAFES is to save the customer an average of 20 percent on purchases compared to retail prices in the United States.

Prices for AAFES products are maintained in a database designed to make sure that an item at one location is exactly the same price as an item at another location. In Korea, there is

only one location that still manually must check prices, otherwise all exchange items are priced in the database. What causes confusion for customers is when an item may be on sale at one

exchange and not at another. These items are commonly referred to as Manager's Specials and are marked as such. These specials will vary from store to store.

One tool that AAFES uses to highlight the savings to its customers is the "Best Brand, Best Prices" program. AAFES is one of very few retailers that can sell premium name brand products to its customers below the manufacturers' retail price. Throughout the exchange, customers will see signs that highlight the savings AAFES is proud to give them.

Even with a price database and programs in place to offer savings, there still may be pricing discrepancies. These are usually due to human error or practical jokers. Human errors can be caused easily by someone putting the wrong items in the wrong location. Customers should always check the bar code on the item and the bar code on the shelf tag to first verify the price.

Because an item is in the wrong location doesn't always mean the customer will get the shelf tag price.

For this to happen, there has to be a discrepancy with the price on the item and the matching bar code on the shelf tag, but the codes must match for the customer to get the lower price.

Practical jokers can also cause havoc with shoppers. There are always those out there who have to try, at least once, to switch prices and see if they can get away with purchasing an item at a lower cost. Congress determines what products are sold in the exchange. Therefore, these products are government property and price switching at the exchange is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

These jokes can be most unfortunate for both the customer and the sales associate when confronted with price stickers that have been switched. If the customer believes the price on an item to be correct they can request the "get sale" price for that item to clear up any confusion.

Additionally, customers may see a difference in price on commissary items sold in the Shoppette Plus stores. These items are marked as such and are sold at the standard five percent Defense Commissary Agency markup cost plus a one percent added fee to cover the cost of purchasing these items to be sold in the Shoppette Plus.

Offering the best prices to AAFES' customers is a goal AAFES is proud to achieve. If at any time a customer feels they are not receiving the best price and cannot get the assistance they would like, they should ask to see a manager or contact the General Manager for their region.



Use of official travel frequent flyer miles

By Capt. Toshene Grills

19th TSC Administrative Law

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, signed by President Bush on December 28, 2001, now allows federal employees to retain for personal use promotional items received incident to official travel. This ends the long-time rule that promotional benefits, including frequent flyer miles, earned on official travel were considered the property of the Government and could only be used for official travel.

Federal employees on official business, traveling at Government expense, may keep promotional material, including frequent traveler benefits such as points or miles, upgrades, or access to carrier clubs or facilities, for personal use.

The new rule applies to promotional items received before, on, or after December 31 2001. Thus, federal employees now legally own any prior ‘government’ frequent flyer miles they may have accrued. The promotional

material must be obtained under the same terms as those offered to the general public and must be at no additional Government cost.

Federal travelers remain under a duty to exercise the same care and regard for incurring expenses as a prudent person traveling at personal expense. Official travelers should maintain records to validate individual expenses of \$75 or more and all lodging costs. All receipts should be maintained until the travel claim is paid and possibly longer if required by financial regulations. Excess costs, circuitous routes, delays or luxury accommodations that are unnecessary or unjustified are the traveler’s financial responsibility.

A traveler may keep payments from a carrier for voluntarily vacating a transportation seat. However, no additional expenses may be paid as a result of the traveler’s delay. Additional travel expenses incurred as a result of voluntarily giving up a seat are the traveler’s financial

responsibility. If a traveler is involuntarily denied boarding a flight, compensation for the denied seat belongs to the Government.

A traveler may keep payments from a commercial carrier for accompanied baggage that has been lost or delayed by the carrier. If the traveler intends to make a claim against the Government, the

traveler should see the Claims Office prior to accepting a carrier’s compensation. By accepting the carrier’s compensation, the traveler may be accepting that amount as payment in full.

Personnel on official travel may now use frequent flyer miles to upgrade to first class. Wearing military uniforms or advertising a position or rank


with the Department of the Army, however, is prohibited. It is possible that such benefits may be considered additional compensation, and taxed accordingly. Until the IRS makes a ruling, it is recommended that personnel who redeem frequent flyer miles or other promotional benefits keep a record of such redemptions.

Why is my water brown?

By (Maj.) Jason G. Pike

5th Medical Detachment commander

Discolored or ‘brown’ water is usually caused by rusty pipes or calcium deposits that form from minerals in the water itself. Normally, these deposits remain intact and cause no problem, but sometimes changes in the water flow can disturb the deposits. When that happens, rusty water can appear, particularly in older buildings. This problem normally clears up after the water runs for a few minutes. Rusty water does not represent a health hazard. If the water does not clear up, it could indicate the break of a pipe and thus would warrant a call to the department of public works. So, flush the lines until the water clears and if it does not clear, call DPW to check on the piping at your facility.



NEWS & NOTES

Fellowship and Bible Study
PWOC hosts fellowship and Bible study for women of all denominations and faiths Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. at the South Post Chapel. Childwatch and home school room is provided. For more information, call 736-8291

Adult Confirmation Class
If you are a Baptized Catholic but have not been Confirmed, you are invited to join a class in preparation for the Sacrament. For more information, call Liz Austin 724-2153.

ACS EFMP Support Groups
The support groups are a great opportunity for parents to share information, talk to specialist about their special needs, concerns or just listen and support other parents or special needs family members. The schedules are: 1. Austism Support Group meets the 2nd Monday and Thursday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Army community Services Building, room #124. 2. The Hearing Impaired Support Group meets each month in Hannam Village. 3. Asthma Support Group and The Diabetic Support Group meet the 2d Monday of each month form 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the CSB, room #205. For information, call 738-5311.

American Red Cross Classes
The Yongsan American Red Cross is offering two classes. Adult CPR/AED class will be Feb. 2 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and CPR/First Aid class will be Feb. 9 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. There is a course fee which includes a textbook and all materials. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 738-3670 or stop by the office, on the 2nd floor of the USO at Camp Kim, to register.

God's purpose for your life!

By Chaplain (Col.) Mark Fentress
34th Support Group and Area II Staff Chaplain

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

There is an old story my brother, a minister back in Kentucky, loves to tell about an evangelist who asked a congregation, "How many of you want to go to Heaven?"

Every one raised his or her hand except old Bob, whose poor eyesight was only exceeded by his poor hearing. "What about you, Bob?" the preacher asked incredulously. "Don't you want to go to Heaven?" "Oh, yes, of course," answered Bob belatedly. "I want to go sometime. I just thought you were

loading up a bus to leave right now." Of course, we laugh at what he thought the preacher said.

On a more serious note, we all know life is dear to all healthy-minded people and leaving it prematurely is never desirable, whether one has the assurance of Heaven or not. An eighty year old widow friend and parishioner of mine from thirty-some years ago, once asked me why I thought God hadn't take her home to Heaven.

"Mrs. Clara, you must still have some purpose here," I suggested with deep conviction. Then we talked about some of the people her life still touched and the inspiration she was to countless others. From our conversation, she realized anew that her life and Christian witness was making a difference in this world.

Today, look for ways to be a blessing to others and you will glorify your Heavenly Father who gave you life. And



Chaplain (Col.) Mark Fentress is the 34th Support Group and Area II Staff Chaplain.

having His shining purpose in your life will sustain and fulfill you until your tasks on earth are finished.

Prayer: Lord, help us focus on the here and now, and leave the over yonder in Your hands. Amen.

Catholic			Protestant		
Sun	8:30 a.m.	South Post Chapel	Sun	8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
Tue	12:05 p.m.	121 General Hospital		9:30 a.m.	121 General Hospital
Mon /Wed /Thu /Fri	12:05 p.m.	Memorial Chapel		9:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel(Korean)
Sat	5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel		10 a.m.	"Rock" Balboni Theater
Sun	Noon	Memorial Chapel		10:15 a.m.	South Post Chapel
				10:30 a.m.	K-16 Community Chapel
				11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
Fri	7:30 p.m.	South Post Chapel		Noon	South Post Chapel (Gospel)
Sat	10 a.m.	South Post Chapel		7 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
*The Service list does not represent all services in Area II. Call 738-3011 for additional services information.					

Lotte World

Enjoy magic, fantasy & adventure all year round



PHOTO BY CPL. HANYOON-KOO

Magic Castle is patterned after architecture of 16th century Germany.

By Han Yoon-koo

Staff writer

Lotte World is the place to go when you are searching for a unique experience in Korea filled with fun, excitement, thrills and adventure.

Located in Jamsil, about a 30 minute drive from Yongsan, Lotte World is

composed of an amusement park, Lotte World Adventure, a department store, an ice rink, a hotel and a bowling alley. Through all of these attractions, Lotte World provides leisure, shopping and tourism all at the same time.

"Since July 1997, Lotte World has been providing U.S. soldiers with

lunches, tours of the Folk Museum and rides at the Lotte World Amusement Park during the Newcomer's Orientation Program, all at no cost to the soldier," said Oh Yoon-won, representative

of Lotte World.

"We hope this program will help U.S. soldiers learn more about Korea and Korean culture and also help the diplomacy between the U.S. and Korea," Oh said.

Lotte World Adventure

Lotte World Adventure, which is a comprehensive indoor and outdoor theme park is the biggest indoor amusement park in the world. It is an all-weather amusement park with state-of-the-art facilities providing festivities, thrills and adventures.

Lotte World Adventure shows a panoramic view of the world. Different sections of the park offer a taste of France, Holland, Germany, England, Italy, Spain, Arabia and Morocco through food and architecture that represents each country. The facility holds 16 rides, ten entertainment shows, and eight attractions.

Magic Island

Magic Island, located in the middle of Lake Sokchon, contains 14 rides and one attraction, all of them located around the Magic Castle. The Magic Castle is a gothic type building that is patterned after castles where German kings lived in the sixteenth century.

The popular rides in the Magic Island are the Gyro Swing, a 32 meter high swing that spins and swings to the left and right on a full 190-degree axis, and Gyro Drop, a 70-meter high ride which drops in a twisting free-fall at a speed of 100 kilometers per-hour.

Ice Rink

Lotte World Ice Rink offers ice skating all year-round. If you don't know how to skate, the rink offers skating lessons to help you learn from professional skaters. You can learn skating step-by-step from the beginner's level all the way to advanced. The skating lesson application must be filed on the 20th of every month on a first-come first-serve basis. If you need to rent skates, the Lotte World Ice Rink has an ample supply.

The ice rink is open from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and ticket prices vary from 4,000 to 5,500 won depending on your age and if you are with a group. You can get a 2,000 won discount if you have purchased an adventure ticket.

Folk Museum

Unlike other museums, a birds-eye view of Korea's 5,000 years of history and culture are all shown in the exhibits. New features are constantly added.

The Historical Exhibition Hall and Miniature Village are viewing areas, while the Performance Hall, Nori



PHOTO BY CPL. HANYOON-KOO

The Flume Ride provides an exciting journey along side animated dinosaurs through the 'creepy tunnels and jungle.'

Madang, Traditional Korean Market and Jeoja Street are viewer participation areas.

In the Historical Exhibition Hall, the everyday lives of Koreans throughout the centuries are depicted. A Miniature Village recreates with miniature models, life in the Choson Dynasty (1392-1910). Traditional Korean Markets or Jeoja Street recreates a typical market place of the Choson Dynasty. It is composed of traditional handicraft stores, nori madang (a performance hall) and traditional restaurants.

The museum is open 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. everyday and fees are included in a complete adventure day ticket. If you would like to visit the museum without going to Lotte World Adventure, ticket prices vary from 2,000 won to 4,500 won depending on your age.

Lotte World is located at Jamsil Station, which is on line 2 and 8. There are several transfer points from Noksapyeong Station (line 6) and Samkakji Station (line 4 and 6) from Yongsan. For more information visit www.lotteworld.com or call 02) 411-2000. Discount tickets are also available at the Seoul United Services Organization at 724-7003.



PHOTO BY CPL. HANYOON-KOO

This miniature model in the Lotte World's Folk Museum represents a crowning at Kyung Bok Palace during the Chosun Dynasty.

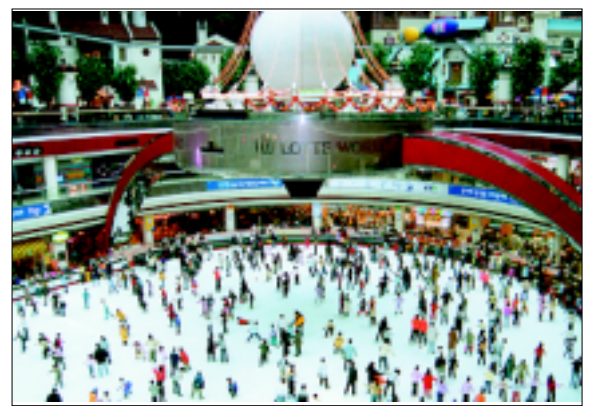


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Lotte World Ice Rink is open all year-round and has an ample supply of skates ready to rent..

Feb. 1- Feb. 7

Feb. 1	Ali	R	Fri. 6:30 & 9 p.m.
Feb. 2	Black Hawk Down	R	Sat. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Feb. 3	Black Hawk Down	R	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Feb. 4	Black Hawk Down	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
Feb. 5	Life As a House	R	Tue. 7 p.m.
Feb. 6	Life As a House	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
Feb. 7	Orange County	P G 1 3	Thu. 7 p.m

Free to ID
card holders

“Black Hawk Down”

Starring
Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor



BLACK HAWK DOWN is director Ridley Scott's (GLADIATOR) adaptation of the true war story as told in Mark Bowden's book of the same title. The film takes place in 1993 when the U.S. sent special forces into Somalia to bring food and humanitarian aid to the starving population. Using Black Hawk helicopters to lower the soldiers onto the ground, an unexpected attack by Somali forces brings two of the helicopters down immediately. From there, the U.S. soldiers must struggle to regain their balance while enduring heavy gunfire.

Rated: R

“Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone”

Starring
Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone is an adaptation of the first of J.K. Rowling’s popular children’s novels about Harry Potter, a boy who learns on his eleventh birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. He is summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts, an English boarding school for wizards. There, he meets several friends who become his closest allies and help him discover the truth about his parents’ mysterious deaths at the hands of a powerful adversary.

Rated: PG

“The Wash”

Starring
Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg



In this DJ Pooh-directed comedy, Dee Loc (Snoop Dog) and Sean (Dr. Dre) are roommates working at a car wash run by the ill-tempered Mr. Washington (George Wallace). As if the two weren’t in enough trouble—chasing the ladies during work hours, hustling customers with side-scams—Mr. Washington gets kidnapped and the roommates have to figure out how to get him back

Rated: R

Feb. 8 -Feb. 14

Feb. 8	Orange County	PG13	Fri. 6 & 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone	PG	Sat. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Feb. 10	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone	PG	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Feb. 11	The Wash	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
Feb. 12	The Wash	R	Tue. 7 p.m.
Feb. 13	Spy Game	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
Feb. 14	Spy Game	R	Thu. 7 p.m

Free to ID
card holders

Country Music Tour

Eighth U.S. Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation announces the tour of country music performer Chely Wright Feb. 15-23. Wright will visit installations across the peninsula including Yongsan, Camp Humphreys, Kunsan Air Base, Taegu and two performances in Area I. Check with your local MWR for dates and time. Yongsan performance will be held at Collier Field House Feb. 15, doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m.

Balloon/Flower Gram Delivery

Moyer CAC presents Boss Valentine Day Balloon/Flower Gram delivery on Feb. 14, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register no later than Feb. 9. Special delivery times can not be arranged due to limited time and transportation. For more information, call 738-5254.

Table Tennis Tournaments

All Table Tennis players are invited to Game Room #208 each Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feb. Come over and show your skills. Winners will get a gift certificate. For more information, call 723-3265.

Super Bowl Game

Moyer CAC will show the Super Bowl Game on the Super Screen TV Feb. 4 at 6 a.m. There will be a special Super Bowl Football Contest and Super Bowl Meet & Greet to accompany the game. For more information, call 723-3295.

News & Notes

Meeting for the 2002
Yongsan
Women Post Softball Team

Yongsan Sports will hold a meeting at 10 a.m. Feb. 9 at Trent Gym for women interested in participating on the post softball team. For more information, call 738-8608.

Monthly Prize-Bowling

The Yongsan Lanes has a monthly prize, sponsored by the Coca Cola Company, you can win by bowling a certain score. it's free. For information, call 723-7830/7203

Happy Birthday!

The Yongsan Lanes does birthday parties for children and adults. Reservations should be a minimum of two weeks in advance. For information and reservations, call 723-7830/7203.

Valentine's Day 5K
Sweetheart Run

The 5K run will begin at THE POINT, Dragon Hill Lodge at 11 a.m. Feb. 9. The fee is \$3 per person. You can register at 10 a.m. that day or pre-register from Feb. 1. For information call 738-2222, ext. 6240.

Training Schedule

There are a few changes with KN POSH training schedule: 1:30-3:30 p.m., Feb. 24, 25 (instead of 9-11 a.m., Feb. 25, 26), March-August training schedule stays the same.

Super Bowl XXXVI Party

Watch the game on the largest TV screen in Korea Feb. 4 at Balboni Theatre. Doors open at 6 a.m. Kickoff is at 8:20 a.m. For more information, call 736-6029.

Racquetball Tournament

The Area II Men's and Women's active duty military only racquetball tournament will be held Feb. 21-24 at Collier Field House. Teams must pre-register no later than Feb. 17. Winner and runner-up will advance to the Eighth U.S. Army Championship tournament in March at Busan. For more information, call 738-8608.

Youth Services Sports Baseball

Youth Sports Baseball/Softball/T-ball registration will be Feb. 1- March 1. Coaches and players can register at YS Gym, Feb. 4-8. For information, call 738-3001.

Last Chance Aerobics classes

The classes will be conducted at Collier Field House beginning Feb. 4 from 6-7:15 p.m. Mon,

Volleyball League

Sign-up for the 2002 Yongsan Men's and Women's Intramural Unit-level Volleyball League by March 3 at Collier Field House. An organizational meeting will be held March 5 at 1 p.m. The season begins March 9.

2002 FIFA World Cup ticketing information

Compiled By Jonathan
Del Marcus

Editor

FIFA has allocated 8 percent of the stadium for U.S. matches for the U.S. Soccer Federation. Information on how to purchase tickets for other matches can be found on the FIFA website - www.FIFA-tickets.com.

Individuals can purchase up to four tickets per U.S. match. Limited numbers of Category I, Category II and Category III tickets are available in greater numbers.

Beginning Feb. 1, tickets will be available on a **first-come, first-served basis. All orders must be received by Feb. 22.**

After the first round, there is a 'Conditional Team Specific Ticket.' You can purchase a 'Conditional TST' for the Round of 16 and beyond for only U.S. games. In the event that the U.S. is eliminated from competition in the Round of 16, Quarterfinals, Semifinals or Finals, the right to use the 'Conditional TST' will be forfeited and you will receive a full refund, minus a \$10 handling fee.

Each ticket purchased carries an additional 10 percent handling fee. The prices for the three categories are:

*Category I = \$150 per ticket + 10 percent handling charge = \$165

*Category II = \$100 per ticket + 10 percent handling charge = \$110

*Category III= \$60 per ticket + 10 percent handling charge = \$66

Fill out the accompanying order form and enclose your check made payable to U.S. Soccer Federation and they will confirm your ticket purchase by e-mail. Remember that

Order Form For World Cup Tickets

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U.S. Soccer Federation
2002 FIFA World Cup Ticket Order Form

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Passport Number/Country: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

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Basic Information

Date	5-Jun	10-Jun	14-Jun
Opponent	Portugal	Korea	Poland
Kick-off	18:00	15:30	20:30

Ordering Information

Fixed Tickets

Price	#/Tickets per Match - (May not exceed 4)			Total Tickets	Total Cost
	Cat.1	Cat. 2	Cat. 3		
Match 1 - Portugal	\$165	\$110	\$66		
Match 2 - Korea					
Match 3 - Poland					
Total order - Fixed Tickets					

Conditional Tickets - ONLY valid if the U.S. is playing in the Match

	#/Tickets per Match - (May not exceed 4)			Total Tickets	Total Cost
	Cat.1	Cat. 2	Cat. 3		
Round of 16	\$165	\$110	\$66		
Quarter-Final					
Semi-Final					
Final					
Total Order - Conditional Tickets					

Total Due to U.S. Soccer _____

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Payment Information

_____ Check enclosed for the full amount listed above.

Check Number: _____

Amount: _____

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cut out form and mail

you can only purchase four tickets per match and you must completely fill out the order form and enclose full payment to receive an order confirmation. **Again, all orders must be received by Feb. 22.**

Mail orders to: U.S. Soccer

Federation - attn: World Cup Tickets
1801 South Prairie Ave. Chicago, IL 60616
For overnight mail - 312-808-1300

Tickets will be mailed as soon as they are received from FIFA, which is anticipated to be in May.

T.V. schedule for Super Bowl

Monday, 4 February:

2:30 a.m. "Road To The Superbowl"
3:30 a.m. "The 2002 All-Madden Team"
5:00 a.m. "Superbowl XXXVI Pregame Show"
8:00 a.m. Superbowl XXXVI
8:20 a.m. Kickoff



Note: Coverage will continue through the conclusion of the game and the presentation of the Lombardi Trophy, at approximately noon. FOX-TV is providing the television coverage.

"prayer" from Page 1

with all in attendance singing a rousing rendition of "God Bless America." All attendees left this National Prayer Breakfast energized about the power of prayer to make our individual lives and national life great.

The National Prayer Breakfast began under the Eisenhower administration and is

observed annually at the White House and in many communities and on most military installations around the world. These observances are a time for individuals of varied religious viewpoints to come together to stress our unity under God, as Americans and believers and to pray for the spiritual health of our nation.



The Super Bowl

New England Patriots vs. St. Louis Rams

By Jonathan Del Marcus
Editor

For the last 36 years, American's have celebrated a unique annual tradition. Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and Independence Day are all wonderful American holidays. It is the Super Bowl, however, that brings people together in a way that no official holiday can.

The Super Bowl will take place this Sunday night in the Superdome in New Orleans, La. For those in the Republic of Korea, the Super Bowl will be broadcast Monday morning. While the time difference between the United States and Korea makes watching the game in the morning seem strange and conflicts with the duty day, this will be a game for the ages. It will offer excitement and will be worth the effort expended to find a television. For Koreans, please bear with your American friends who on Monday you will find huddled together in front of television sets and will be getting excited



about things like fumbles, interceptions, field goals and touchdowns.

The two teams present an interesting match-up. First, the heavily favored St. Louis Rams led by Head Coach Mike Martz, feature the National Football League's premier offense. They galloped to a 14-2 regular season record, the best in the National Football League. Winners of the Super Bowl two years ago, they are a machine operated by quarterback Kurt Warner, running back Marshall Faulk, and a host of receivers like Isaac Bruce and Torie Holt. In short, the Rams' offense is scary. They can score points faster than an eye can blink.

With a vastly improved gang tackling and smothering defense master minded by defensive coordinator Lovie Smith, the Ram's finally have a defense as intimidating as their offense. The Ram's are the real deal. They are a

complete and devastating package that plays football the way the sport is meant to be played.

It would be natural to dismiss the New England Patriots. Losers of two previous Super Bowls by lopsided scores, they are an easy pick to get routed once again.

With that in mind, they have had a Cinderella season and are led by a defensive guru named Head Coach Bill Belichick. Belichick has molded his team into never-say-die miracle workers.

Both of their playoff wins have come in a miraculous fashion. Two weeks ago, they beat the Oakland Raiders in a game played in the snow. They received with a little help from the officials who made a controversial ruling on an instant-replay review. Last week, they beat the heavily favored Pittsburgh Steelers after the Patriots starting quarterback, Tom Brady, was injured in the second quarter. Drew Bledsoe, a star in his own right, led the team to victory and a birth in the big



game. These Patriots are a team of destiny. The game holds much promise for excitement. Pick: New England Patriots

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every one of these (autographs) I could pay for the project!"

Stearns says she shops regularly at the Fort Bragg commissaries, when she is in town that is.

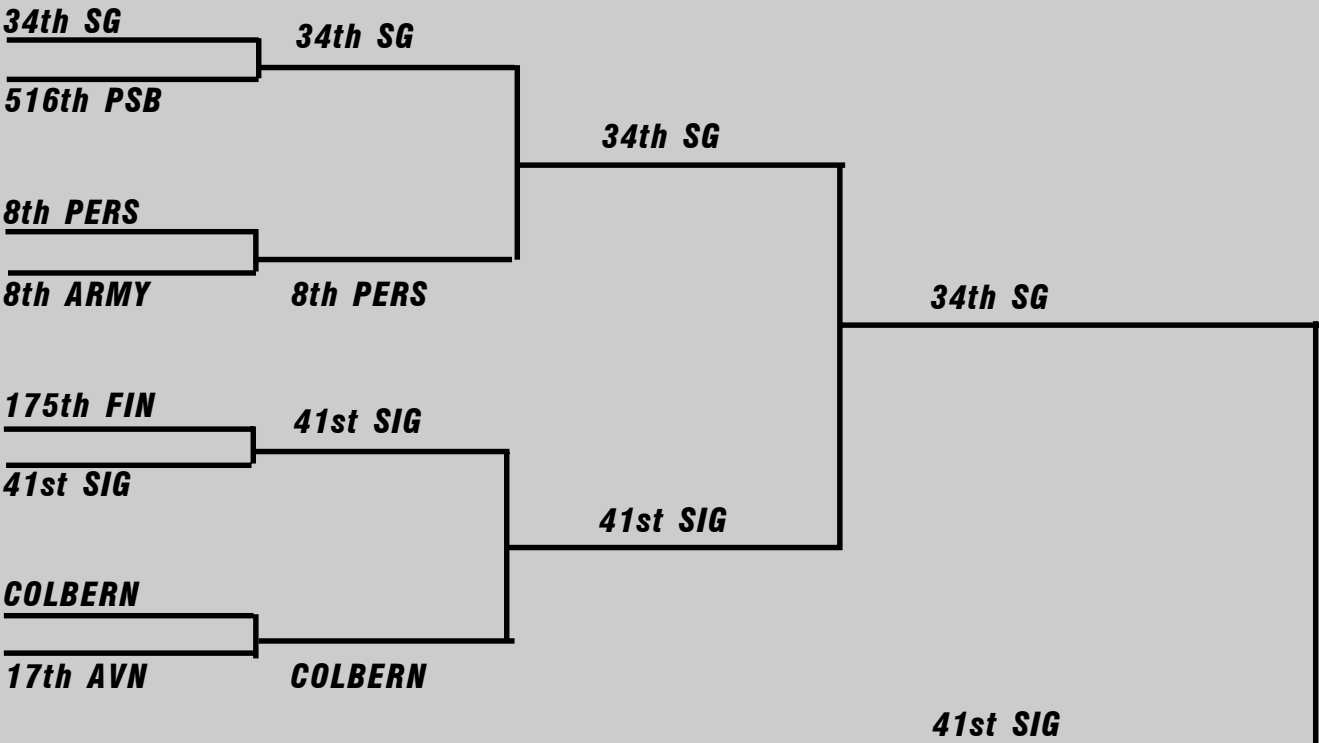
"I tend to pantry load between trips," she says, "But when I'm home, I shop weekly for fresh produce and meats and don't eat a lot of fast foods. When I'm on the road, I have to be creative and take things with me so I can eat healthy."

Eating healthy sounds like a good idea as Stearns continues to work with the Golden Knights and trains for her record-breaking jump. For more information about Best Value Items and your commissary benefit check out www.commissaries.com. For more information about Cheryl Stearns and the "StratoQuest" project check out www.stratoquest.com.

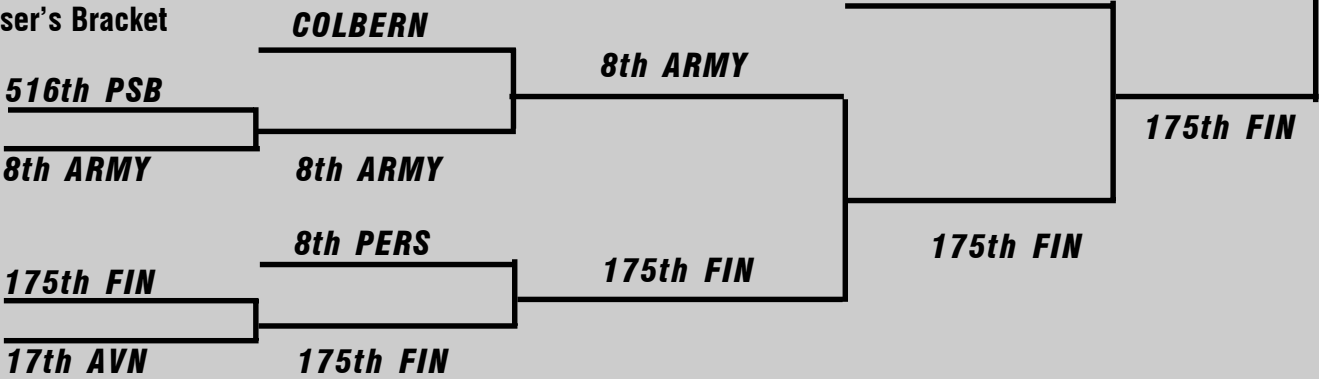
Men's Intramural Basketball Final

Tournament Finals (Jan 25-27)

Winner's Bracket



Loser's Bracket



Wage and tax statement information

By MAJ Kelly Stowman

176th Finance Battalion

Active duty service members serving throughout the Korean peninsula are scheduled to receive calendar year 2001 W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) forms with their January 2002 Leave and Earnings Statement. Some active duty service members and individuals recently separated from the service will also receive additional W-2s for non-wage related items that are not reflected on their 2001 Leave and Earnings Statement.

Examples of reasons why additional W-2s are issued include:

- *Conduct a Do-It-Yourself (DITY) move

- *Participation in the Student Loan Repayment Plan

- *Soldiers that filed a Public Law 220 Claim

- *Soldiers that filed an Army Board of Correction Claim

Reissued W-2s:

These are W-2s which do not require a money amount change, but simply a re-issuance of the original that has been lost or destroyed. Servicing finance offices will have the

ability to re-issue W-2s with the exception of W-2s for student loans and claims. The W-2s for student loans and claims must be re-issued by DFAS. Your servicing finance office will assist you in obtaining these W-2s.

Corrected W-2s (W-2C):

These are W2s which require a money amount change. Some year-end adjustments may not be included in the original W-2, but will be included in a corrected W-2 (Form W-2C). An example of a corrected W-2C is one that reflects adjustments made because the soldier served in a combat zone.

The Unit Personnel Administration Centers are the key to obtaining re-issued or corrected W-2s. To avoid having to file a corrected income tax return, soldiers must not use their final LES to file taxes. Soldiers should submit their request through their Unit PAC before filing their income tax return.

For more information contact your servicing finance office: Area I - DSN 730-3395, Area II - 723-8453, Area III - 753-8210 and Area IV - 768-6944.

Drama team brings home the gold



PHOTO BY ANNA MASSENGILL

Pictured above is the Far East Speech and Drama Team that returned from Misawa, Japan, with team gold medals in the Reader's Theater and one-act play categories. They also received eight individual gold medals and three silver medals. These students will perform on February 7 at 7 p.m. in the SAHS auditorium. Drama I students will also present two short skits. Admission is \$3.50. The members of the team are (back left to right) John McCracken, Minseok Cho, Erik Odom, Daniel Robledo, Anthony Jones, (front left to right) Cheri Street, Jaimee Watson-Helm, Sara Coker, Pagen Clark, Hailey Grandy and Lisa Denio.

17 soldiers to be in Winter Olympics

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Fifteen Army athletes and two coaches will participate in the 2002 Winter Olympic Games that open Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City.

Ten soldier-athletes will actually compete as part of Team USA, not including three soldiers who will serve as alternates and two who will be biathlon "post runners."

In addition, about 4,500 other service members will provide support to the Olympic games, to include security, communications, transportation, honor guards, military bands, explosive detection dog teams and logistical support.

All the soldier-athletes will be on the men's and women's biathlon and the men's four-man bobsled and women's two-man bobsled teams. Soldiers captured nearly half the 27 possible slots on those teams.

Sgt. Lawton Redman and Spc. Jeremy Teela were named to the men's biathlon team, and Spc. Andrea Nahrgang, Spc. Kara Salmela and Sgt. Kristina Sabasteanski were named to the women's biathlon team after qualifying trials Dec. 29-30 and Jan. 2-3 at Soldier Hollow, Utah.

Redman, who only took up the sport in September 1998, was the only two-time winner during the trials —

winning the 20-kilometer event Dec. 29 and the 10-K Jan. 3.

"I had some trouble shooting in the second and third races. I was a little nervous today," Redman said after his win Jan. 3. "I just kind of brought it together, concentrated and shot today like it was a training day, and skied hard."

Staff Sgt. Dan Westover was named as alternate for the men's biathlon team after the trials. Spc. Jill Krause was named as alternate for the women's team.

1st Lt. Garrett Hines was named to USA I, the first of two four-man bobsled teams after qualifying trials Dec. 28-29. Spc. Doug Sharp, Spc. Mike Kohn and Spc. Dan Steele are sled pushers for the men's USA II sled.



"The Germans and the Swiss are always powerhouses. Todd (Hays) will be a force; it's going to be a dogfight," Kohn said of the upcoming Games. "Every once in a while someone sneaks in, we're hoping that'll be us. Home field advantage helps. Hopefully we can get better between now and then."

Spc. Jill Bakken was named driver for the women's USA II bobsled. Spc. Shauna Rohbock is an alternate. Additionally, Spc. Bill Tavares is the

head coach for the women's Olympic bobsled team and Sgt. Tuffy Latour is the women's driving coach.

Capt. Aaron Stover and Chief Warrant Officer Michelle Struempf of the Missouri National Guard will don the Olympic uniform as they perform their duties as "post runners" for the biathlon competition.

"Though we won't actually compete with the team, we're considered official members and will run the courses before each event," Struempf said.

Running the course prior to the official competition will pack and prepare the snow for the actual event. This helps minimize any flaws in the course the athletes might run across, Olympic officials said.

Sean Mackay, biathlon representative for the 2002 Olympics,

"This is their opportunity to participate with the team, ski the same courses they do and give them the feel for what it would be like to be a competing member."

said that being a post runner is much more than prepping the course for the team.

"Generally speaking, the post runners usually make the team in the next Olympic season," Mackey said,

"This is their opportunity to participate with the team, ski the same courses they do and give them the feel for what it would be like to be a competing member."

Stover is an Active Guard and Reserve officer who serves as deputy commander of the 7th Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team located at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He has been a member of the Missouri National Guard Biathlon Team since 1990. Struempf is a military technician at the State Area Command in Jefferson City, Mo.

Olympic biathletes Redman, Teela, Nahrgang, Sabasteanski and Westover, and bobsledders Sharp, Kohn, Bakken and Rohbock are members of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, a Morale, Welfare and Recreation activity of the Army's Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va. Coaches Tavares and Latour are also assigned to the Army's WCAP.

Bioraphies, pictures and stories on the WCAP athletes can be found at www.armymwr.com.

Editor's Note: Brian Lepley, CFSC Olympic correspondent, contributed to this report, along with Capt. David S. Kolarik of the Missouri National Guard.)

The problem of intelligence

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — If military intelligence is to be good, it has to be secret and it has to be fast.

The United States is gleaning all sorts of intelligence information from Al Qaeda and Taliban sources in Afghanistan. U.S. Central Command personnel are combing through caves, houses, bunkers and a myriad of other sites examining everything

from paper to computers to satellite phone records.

What U.S. personnel find in this search must remain secret — at least until the usefulness is passed, according to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

The fact that U.S. service members in City X found Item Y and are accessing it, tips off enemies that they — or their plans — are in jeopardy, Rumsfeld said at a press

conference today.

"There are those that are so pleased with all that we're gathering, that they are anxious to say what they're gathering and they're anxious to say the numbers of things we've gathered, and the locations we gathered them from and who gathered them," he said. "I'm not. I'm much more interested in stopping terrorists."

"(While) laying all of that out is

going to make us look like good gatherers, it does not begin to weigh as much as having us be good and successful in stopping terrorism."

Evaluating raw intelligence quickly is just as important. "To the extent that we can put (information) together even a day or two or five days faster ... we may very well avoid a terrorist attack involving not thousands, but more than thousands (of lives)."

DoD decides not to create Cold War medal

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - The Department of Defense will not be creating a Cold War Service medal, and Army officials said any commemorative medals made by private vendors are unauthorized on the military uniform.

"After careful consideration, it was decided not to create a medal," said Brad Loo, deputy director of Officer and Enlisted Management Personnel for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

"Throughout the Cold War years, commanders used a full spectrum of

individual, unit and service awards to recognize the achievements and sacrifices of service members," Loo said.

The Cold War is regarded as the period in history beginning at the end of World War II until the Soviet empire collapsed, or as Loo said, from 1945 until 1991.

Former Secretary of Defense William Cohen approved a Cold War Certificate. The certificate recognizes all service members and federal employees who faithfully served in the United States military during the Cold War era, Loo said.

Last year an unidentified source caused confusion by sending an e-mail to individuals informing them that a Cold War medal had been approved, and attached a picture of the medal to the e-mail, said Arlette King, chief of policy for the Army Award Branch.

"We've tried to correct the issue by putting out messages on our Web site stating that there is not an authorized medal," King said. "This is America and anyone can purchase the commemorative medal from private vendors, just not wear it on his or her uniform."

There are several different designs

of medals being offered on the Internet and even at military clothing sales stores.

It is against the law to wear an unauthorized medal on the military uniform, said Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, the uniform policy noncommissioned officer for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

"Whoever knowingly wears a medal not authorized by Congress ... shall be fined or imprisoned not more than six months or both," Messman said, "according to Title 18, Section 704, Military Medal or Decorations."